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As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.53 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-

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This information was cited in a European Search Report dated November 8, 2004, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

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PCT Application WO 97/33284, Vomberg, relates to a compact disc player utilizing an input device connected to read-write memory allowing for selective marking of discrete points of the CD being played so that the selective markings are available to modify the playing time during replay.

United Kingdom Patent Application, GB 2244844 A, Garten, relates to a system for mixing an entertainment source with an information source for radio or television such that the entertainment source and the information source fade into each other. The system is protected against operational error.

European Patent Application EP 1162621 A1, Cliff, relates to a method and an apparatus for producing a compilation of overlapping songs, each song in the compilation having a sequence of repeating beats. The compilation may be used for recording or broadcast.

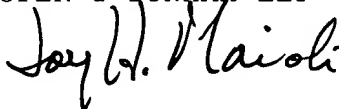
European Patent Application EP 0932157 A1, Lhopital, relates to a method and device for automatically performing a crossover between two songs which are played back consecutively. The end of the first song may be played simultaneously with the beginning of the second song. Fade in and fade out may be used for either or both of the end of the first song and the beginning of the second song.

European Patent Application EP 0164253 A1, Reid et al., relates to a sound reproducing apparatus for playing sound recordings, and particularly, but not exclusively, to apparatus for providing background music in licensed premises on a continuous or semi-continuous basis.

United States Patent 5,969,283, Looney et al., relates to a music organizer and entertainment center for playing back music of a variety of predetermined categories. Music may be played back either at random or according to a predetermined order.

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